levels of Sulphur-dioxide and Oxides of Nitrogen are within the permissible limits; however, the levels of particulate matter are on the high side. This is due to the unsatisfactory functioning of the Electro-Static Precipitators (ESP's) in some units. The concerned authorities have been asked to instal efficient Electrostatic Precipitators to minimise the emission of particulate matter.

(c) No, Sir.

Equal pay for equal work

1392. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court has in the judgement earlier declared equal pay for equal work as a Fundamental Right;

(b) whether the Home Ministry has issued directives/directions to all Departments to pay equal for equal work;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of Central departments, Public Undertakings who have failed to implement the said directions so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or work of a similar nature is covered by the provisions of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976. The Act provides that no employer shall pay to any worker, employed by him in an establishment or employment remuneration, whether payable in cash or kind, at rates less favourable than those at which remuneration is paid by him to workers of the opposite sex in such establishment or employment for the same work or work of a similar nature. As far as the Supreme Court order referred to in the question is concerned, (presumably the Hon'ble Member has in view the Court's Judgement in Writ Petition No. 4676 of 1978) the Delhi Administration has informed that it has been implemented by revising the pay-scales of Drivers of Delhi Police with effect from 1-1-1973.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Collection of funds in Bombay to assist extremists in Punjab

1393. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in "Navbharat Times" of 23rd February, 1986 to the effect that according to a high level enquiry, it has been found that lacs of rupees collected from Bombay have been sent to Punjab to help and assist the extramists;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken against those who collected and donated the money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Government has seen the news item. Collection of funds from Bombay to help extremists in Punjab has not come to notice so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Improvement of Service Conditions of Defence Personnel

1394. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken recently by Government to improve